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Oath/Declaration

1. The oath or declaration is defective. A new oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.67(a) identifying this application by application number and filing date is required. See MPEP §§ 602.01 and 602.02.

The oath or declaration is defective because: The provisional application number identifying that application to which the instant application claims priority appears in error.

Claim Objections

All dependent claims should be grouped together with the claim or claims to which they refer to the extent practicable. A claim which depends from a dependent claim should not be separated by any claim which does not also depend from said dependent claim. It should be kept in mind that a dependent claim may refer to any preceding independent claim. In general, applicant's sequence will not be changed. See MPEP § 608.01(n) and 37 CFR § 1.75(g).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claims 7 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

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Claim 7, line 1, "said side walls" lacks an antecedent within the claim.

Claim 12, line 1, "said internal surfaces" lacks an antecedent within the claim.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

- (a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.
- (b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.
- (e) the invention was described in-
- (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or
- (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).
- 5. Claims 1-5 and 7-13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Bishop et al. Bishop et al. discloses, Figs. 1, 2, 12, and 14, energy dissipating assembly having a plurality of modules attached together as by cables extending through passages 56 located within yokes 44 which yokes are connected to a plurality of walls 32, 28, 36, etc. Anchoring means for anchoring the bodies in the water at select positions is as at 24/26. Protrusions, ridges, and

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grooves as well as ribbed areas are formed as along 46, 60/54, 32, 42, 28/40, etc. Buoyancy

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means to adjust the buoyancy is at 64 in the form of apertures and closure means.

6. Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Pitchford. Pitchford discloses, Figs. 1, 2, 5, and 6, hollow body formed of two parts engaged

with one another as by flexible, engageable mating extensions and grooves 15, 17 formed in a

convoluting fashion along the internal surfaces of the parts. Sidewall 18 extends outwardly to

provide a thicker central dimension. Protrusions, ridges, grooves, and channels are formed by

50, 54, 40, 42, 86, 84, etc.

7. Claims 1, 4, 6, 7, and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by

Kline. Kline discloses, Figs. 1 and 2, hollow body formed of two parts engaged with one another

as by flexible, engageable mating extensions and grooves 26, 28 formed in a convoluting fashion

along the internal surfaces of the parts. Sidewall 18, 20 extends outwardly to provide a thicker

central dimension. Protrusions, ridges, grooves, and channels are formed by 40, 30, 36, 32, 34,

etc.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner

should be directed to M. Safavi whose telephone number is (703) 308-2168.

M. Safavi

March 23, 2003

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